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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent reports to the effect that the US would use nuclear weapons against at least seven countries including Russia; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto in the context of world peace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Government have seen reports and commentaries in US newspapers on the subject. Official statements by the US Government have described the latest US Nuclear Posture Review as 'not an operational planning document'.

(b) As part of its long standing policy, India continues to seek systematic restraints on use of nuclear weapons through a range of well considered steps.